Bulletin #2014-009 22 – December - 2014

Subject:
Miscellaneous Changes

Overview:
The following rule changes go into effect on 1/1/2015.

1. Replace Article 5.1.A.1 with the following.

   1. Snell SA2005, SA2010 or SA2015

      Note: SA2005 helmets will no longer be permitted after 1/1/2017

   Rationale: Rally America typically accepts the two more recent Snell helmet standards. However, SA2015 helmets will not start becoming available until late 2015, too late in the year for all competitors to upgrade from their SA2005 helmets by the start of 2016.

2. Replace Article 9.6.B with the following.

   B. Regions

      There will be three ~~four~~ regions: East, ~~Southwest, Northwest and~~ Central and West. The border between the East and Central regions is a straight line extending past but intersecting Detroit, Michigan and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The border between the West ~~the two western regions~~ and Central regions is a straight line extending past, but intersecting, Lubbock, Texas and Billings, Montana. ~~The border between the Southwest and Northwest shall be a line extending east from the border of California and Oregon.~~

   Rationale: Rally America is consolidating the two western regions, reflecting the number of events currently being held.

3. Replace the first paragraph of Article 9.6.D.4 with the following.

   All Rally America sanctioned regional events will award points for the

purpose of determining Regional Champions. A competitor must be registered for the Regional Championship prior to their first event of the season with the region. If the competitor is not registered, he/she will NOT accrue points for that event. A competitor must start at least four events ~~one event~~ in the region for which he/she is registered to be eligible for end-of-season awards.

Rationale: Rally America is increasing the minimum number of events within the region to emphasize the regional aspect of that championship.

4. Replace Article 9.6.F.2 with the following.

2. At the end of the season, Regional Championship trophies will be awarded to the top scoring competitors in the regional class standings.

First~~, second, or third~~ place trophies will be awarded to eligible competitors who score more than 125 points in class, regardless of the number of competitors in that class.

When competitors score less than 125 points in class, the following trophies will be awarded based on the number of competitors (including those scoring DNFs) listed in the regional class standings:

a. No trophies if there are less than 3 competitors

b. First place trophies when there are 3 or more competitors

~~c. First and second place trophies if there are 4 or 5 competitors~~

~~d. First, second and third place trophies if there are 6 or more competitors.~~

Rationale: Rally America is restructuring how Regional Championships are awarded.

5. Replace Article 10.1.D.3.c with the following.

c. An alternative fuel (e.g., propane), which must be approved by the Competition Director 90 days in advance of the event.

E85 is an approved alternative fuel.

Rationale: Competitors have asked whether E85 may be used in standalone regional rallies; this change is intended to answer that question.

6. Replace Article 10.2.A.2 with the following.

2. The engine is unrestricted, but, in vehicles entered in National Championship rallies, it must be derived (at least the engine block) from a product line offered by the manufacturer of the vehicle.

Rationale: Regional competitors have requested this rule change. Note that vehicles with dual entry would be subject to the same engine block requirement as

vehicles entered in the National Championship rally.

In addition, competitors are reminded that, as per Article 5.7.B.2, rally vehicles must be capable of carrying sufficient fuel to travel 90 miles, including 45 stage miles.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.